

AREA HIGHLIGHTS

Import: Sailplane lessons and rides on excellent summer
arrivals and ridge currents are available May through
October at the Heber City Municipal Airport.

Loop Road: Perhaps the most spectacular scenic
drive in the area, especially during fall colors, is along Route
19-mile drive runs between Provo Canyon
Canyon, with alpine vistas, lovely stands
of aspen, Timpangos Cave, and Sundance
Resort by its path. (Closed in winter.)

Falls: This awe-inspiring double cataract can be
viewed from the Provo Canyon floor or by taking a 1700-foot
cable car to the top. This thrilling tramway, the world's
longest, lifts you above worldly cares into a magnificent
view of canyon life.

Trails: Located on the fringe of the Wasatch
National Forest, the Park, this U.S. Forest Service retreat offers
hundreds of trails over and around the startlingly
beautiful mountains with convenient rest areas and bio-
logical and geological information designed for a self-
guided tour.

Park: Located in Heber City center, the park has
a large playground, a small covered pavilion, restrooms,
a ball diamond, and large, grassy areas for recreation.
Deer Creek Lake State Park: Deer Creek Reservoir has
over 12.5 miles of shoreline and is a popular spot for
fishing, camping, boating, water skiing and windsurfing.
Fishing is a favorite sport for hundreds of hardy fisher-
men in season. Boat rentals and windsurfing rentals and
rooms are available. A new restaurant overlooking the lake
opening in early summer of 1987.

Valley Resort: Known as the "County Club" of skiing,
this famous resort offers first-class accommodations and
exceptionally well-groomed slopes. Deer Valley offers a
variety of terrain on two mountains, including a separate
Sunset area, wide tree-lined trails, mogul runs, and the
Hwy 63 flower Bowl expert area.

High School Rodeo Grounds: The site of the State High School Rodeo
events, County Fair and Rodeo, numerous horse shows,
and other racing in winter, and many other activities throughout
the year. Facilities include: race track, rodeo grounds, 50
horse stalls, 50 tie stalls, 16 enclosed stalls, and 3 ball
fields. A 50 x 60 foot covered pavilion is planned for
1987. The facility is managed by Wasatch County.

Heber Valley: Less than one mile south of Midway and
just west of the town of Heber, this area is one of the
most beautiful in the world.

Heber Valley and Old Heber City: This turn of the century
town and offers two trips daily during the summer through
Heber Valley past Deer Creek Reservoir and down Provo
Canyon to Vivian Park near Bridal Veil Falls. Snow Safari, a
train run with lunch aboard, and Ride and Dine evening runs
scheduled from late November through early April. Old
Heber City, next to the train station, is a series of small

Heber Valley Information Center: Located on the Historical
Tabernacle site, 25 North Main, the information center
provides free maps, brochures, and general tourist
information.

Mt. Timpangos and Timpangos National Monument:
Mt. Timpangos rises 11,957 feet above sea level. The
most popular trail to its summit leads from Aspen Grove and
takes you five miles past a series of waterfalls, lakes and the
mile-long Timpangos glacier. Located on Alpine Loop Road
is the Timpangos Cave National Monument, open from May
to October. Timpangos Cave is actually three separate
caves connected by man-made tunnels. Inside 1,200 feet
above the canyon floor are hundreds of delicately shaped
and colored limestone formations.

Park City Resort: Utah's largest ski area, with a gondola, 13
chairlifts and accommodations for every level of skier. Half
of Park City's 82 designated runs are for intermediate skiers
and can be found on almost every area of the mountain.
Advanced skiers are welcomed by 650 acres of open skiing
and a variety of challenging powder and bump runs. Park
City is the winter home of the U.S. Ski Team.

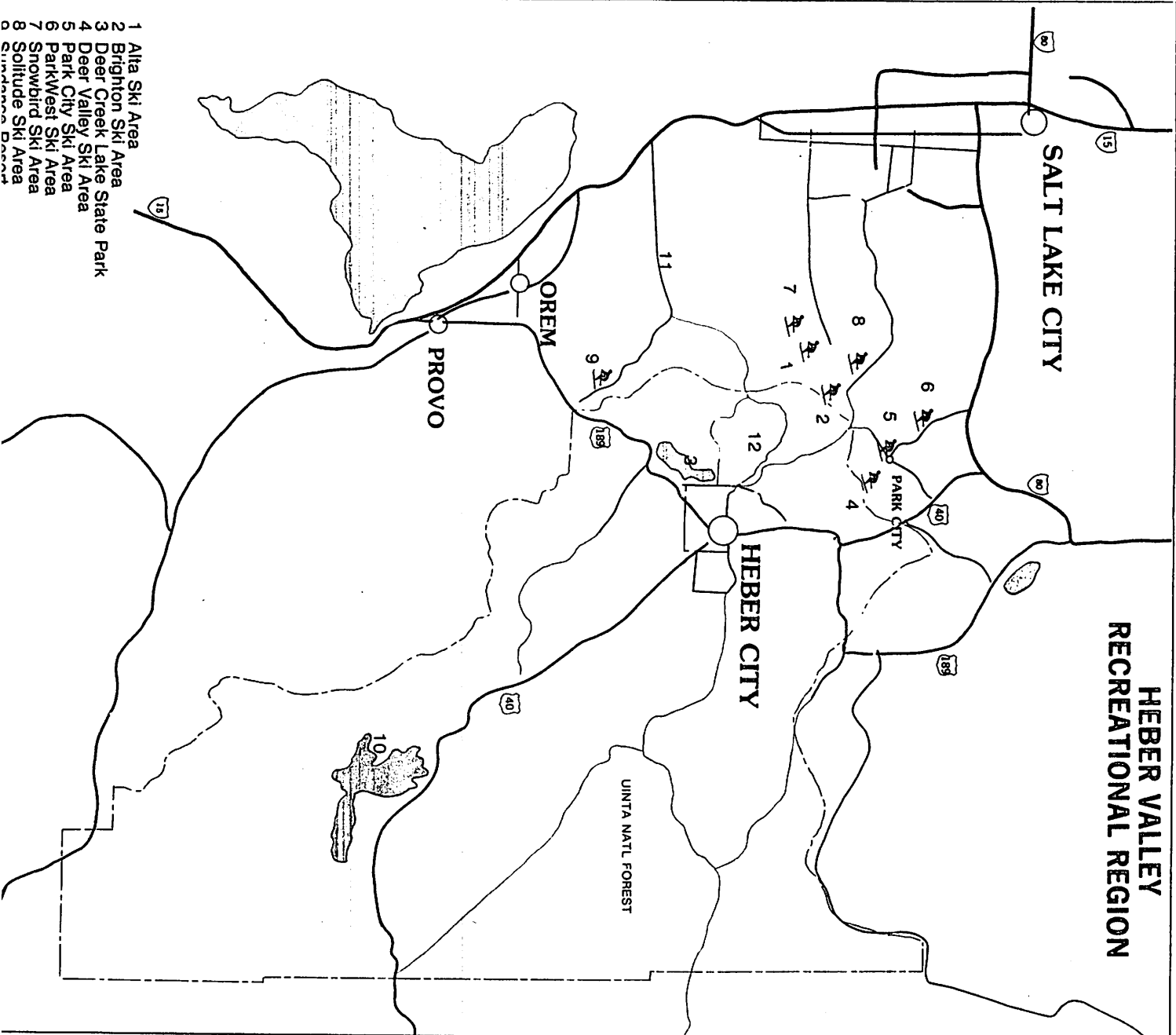
ParkWest Resort: Old West hospitality lives on at ParkWest.
The majority of the ski terrain is in four canyons hidden behind
the expansive beginner slopes. Intermediates have a choice
of long, rambling tree-lined runs or several mogul runs. Experts
can find long, steep fall line runs, wide open bowls, off-trail
skiing and five powder chutes.

Provo River: The river winds through the Valley and through
beautiful Provo Canyon, along Provo Canyon Road most of
the way. The river offers excellent brown trout and rainbow
trout fishing.

Strawberry Reservoir: This large, 17,160 surface area
reservoir with over 57 miles of shoreline, is located 26 miles
southeast of Heber and is a very popular fishing spot all
year. The area has a visitor information center, camping,
RV and picnic facilities, boat rentals, restaurant and hiking
trails. The area draws many snowmobilers and cross-country
skiers in the winter.

Sundance Resort: Robert Redford's Sundance is 400 acres
and 2100 vertical feet of skiing in a canyon on the slopes of
Mt. Timpangos. In the summer the resort has an active
theater program, horseback riding, and a nature trail hike to
Stewart Falls. The Tree Room restaurant offers superb
dining all year.

Wasatch Mountain State Park: This popular park covers
22,000 acres of beautiful meadow and mountain terrain in
Wasatch County. Its facilities include a 27-hole golf course
(one of the very best in the State), 135 individual campsites,
group use facilities, and a snowmobile and cross-country ski
concession. Food service is available in all seasons at the
Wasatch Park Cafe in the clubhouse. The park maintains
over 60 miles of groomed snowmobile trails with 2 trailheads,
and has heated restrooms. Several miles of cross-country
ski terrain is also regularly groomed by the park personnel.
The park is currently creating two trails to connect with



In 1912 the Wasatch Trout Company purchased the hatchery and operated it until 1916 when John and William L. Van Wagoner bought the site and began regular marketing of fish to miners near Midway and Park City. George Van Wagoner and Bliss Titus cared for the plant.

The Van Wagoners operated the hatchery until 1921 when a private club, the Timpanogos Rod Club, under the direction of E. M. Bagley, president, purchased the property. The hatchery business was closed down and the streams used as fishing waters for club members only.

The State Fish and Game department leased the hatchery land in 1924 and began a long range program to improve the facilities. Cement runs, large ponds and streams and living facilities for those who operate the hatchery have been constructed. In 1939 Alma Durtschi and Angus Thacker patented a revolving screen to separate fish and keep them in their respective streams. In five months of operation the hatchery produced more than 5,000,000 trout annually for stocking rivers and lakes in the area. The fish are transported in special trucks to the Duchesne and Strawberry Rivers, Provo and south fork of the Provo River, Weber River, Wolf Creek, Deer Creek, Wanship Reservoir, Deer Creek Reservoir, Strawberry Lake, Moon Lake and a few of the Granddaddy lakes.

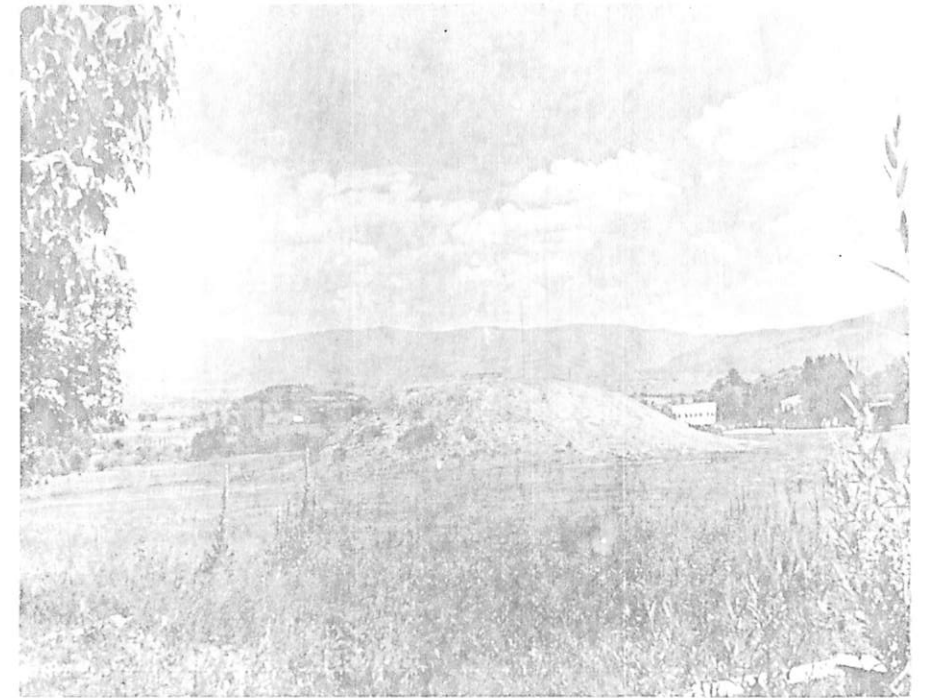
Though no records were kept, it is believed that the following have supervised the hatchery since 1909: Elmer Madsen, George Van Wagoner, Bliss Titus, Obrem Barrett, Henry Scheuller, Ben Butler, George Cox and David E. Wright. The hatchery is state owned and operated and is reported to be one of the largest and best hatcheries in the country.

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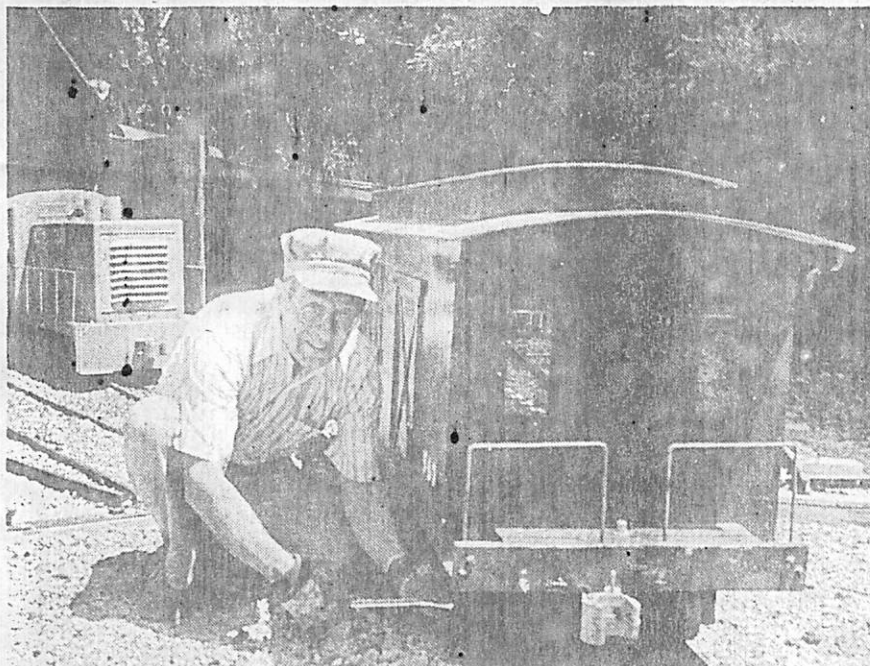
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in his basement, constructing other cars that might be of amusement to all those who visited the village.

The engine was brought to Midway in 1970, and the track was laid for the Midway Shortline. The little engine had been an amusement train for parks along the Wasatch Front. Its original maker was Wilford Match, and his father, who built the little engine for the Utah Centennial Celebration held in 1947.

After the engine paraded around the fairgrounds, it was moved, sold run and almost junked, except for the efforts of Thiriot.

In 1982, Thiriot ordered the entire refurbishing of the engine, and asked Match if he would consider doing the work. He was delighted to. It now has mostly new parts, and is in real good shape.

There are 3 engines that are owned by Midway Shortline. 105, 104, which is diamond stack engines, and a mock diesel engine. 104 was built by Freed, and the mock diesel was built by Thiriot for his grandson.

Thiriot has built most of the other cars in his basement, patterned after the 1890-1900 vintage cars. "These are all original models, they are not scaled down versions of any other car, just designed and build," explained Thiriot.

The list of cars holds: 2 gondolas, 2 flatbeds, 1 cattle car, 1 combination car (half passenger, half baggage), 1 hopper car, and a caboose. All the cars are painted with the Midway Shortline ensignia.

Thiriot is operating the trains during most weekends, and offers rides free to anyone who shows up.

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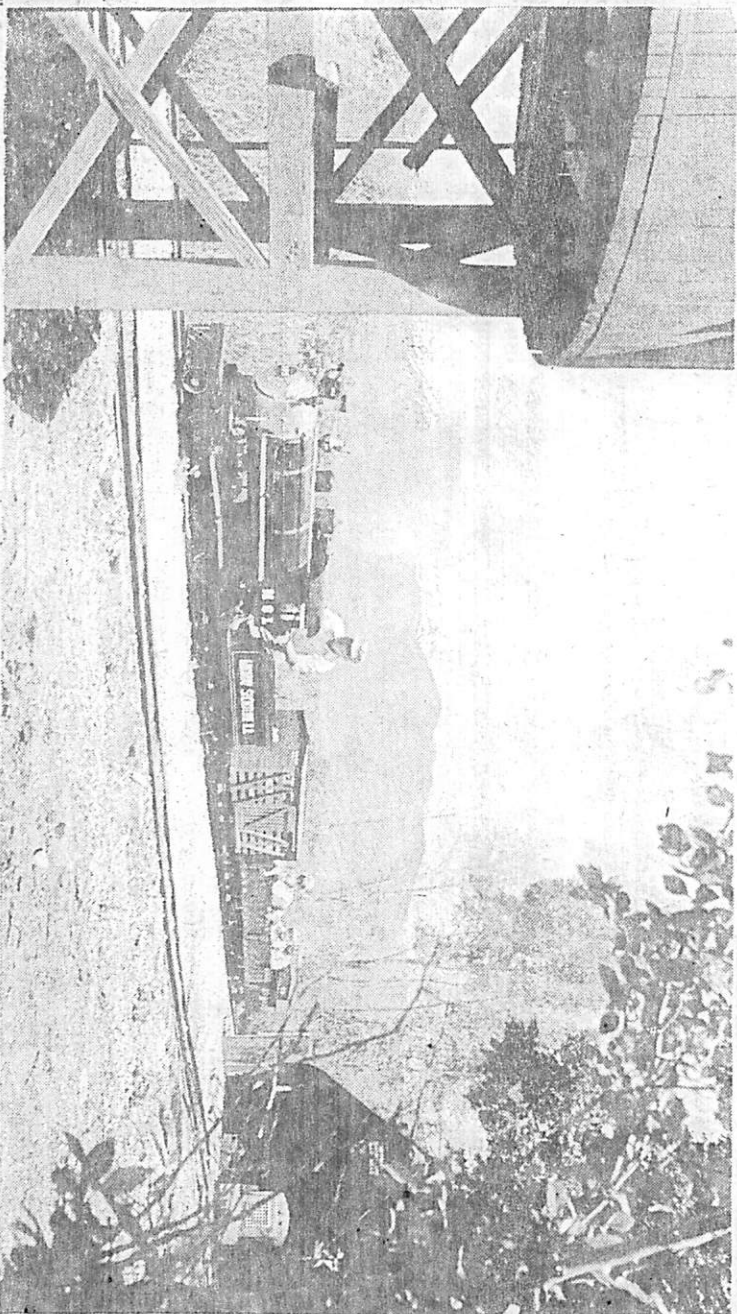


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amazement of the children Thiriot. He stated that there are as many grown-ups as there are young children, who ride the train. "It's just a hobby."

The Midway Shortline, loaded with passengers, passes by water tower, and round the house as it travels over

part of the 2000 feet of track. Passage on the train is free. Photos by Robert W. Hicken



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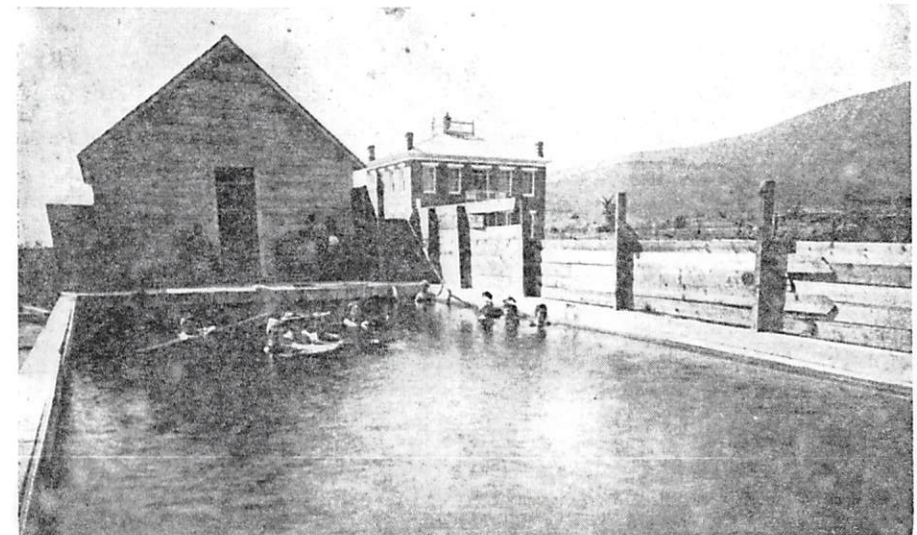
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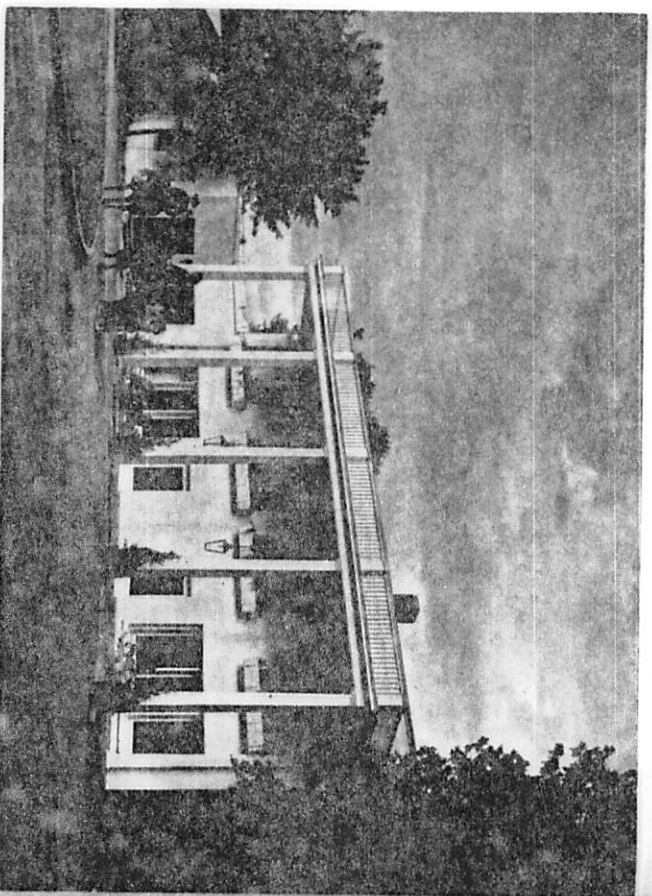
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it has become a popular spot for banquets, swimming and skating parties and future plans call for further expansion.

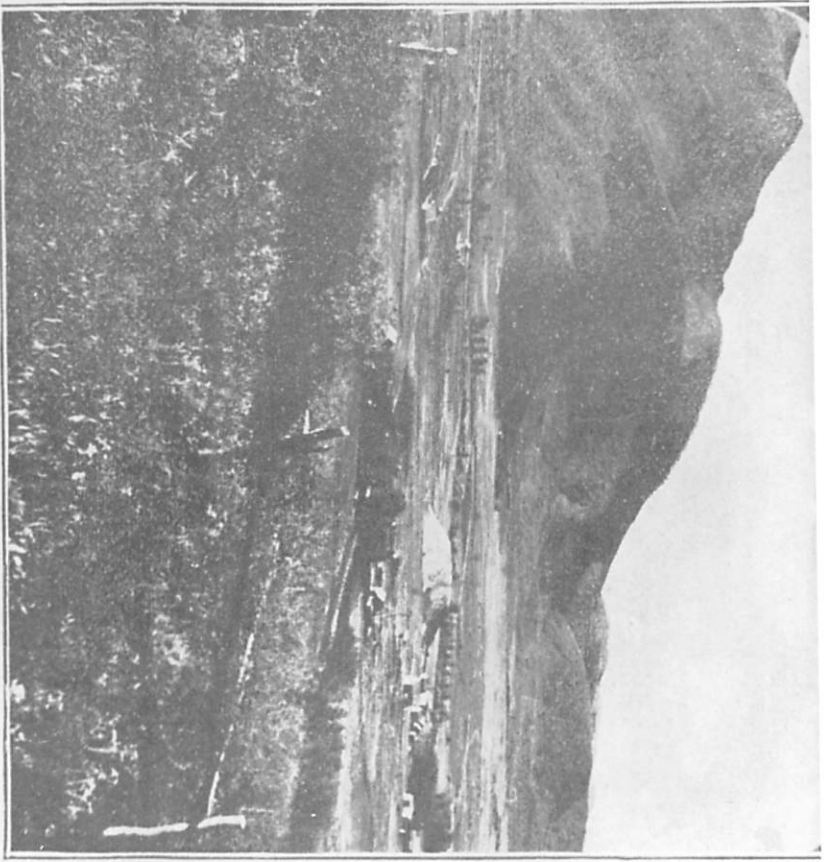
Schneitters Hot Pots became The Homestead early in 1952 when Ferrin W. Whitaker, his brothers Berlin and Scott and a son-in-law, Del Wallengren, moved to Midway from southern California to take ownership from the Schneitter family. A complete architectural facelifting gave a new look to the main building. The east wall of the dining room was opened with windows looking out over the valley and kitchen facilities expanded when a new pantry was added. The lobby and fountain were redecorated and a wing furnished to house rest rooms and a check-in room for swimmers.

The old hotel was renovated as was a three-room milk house to the south, providing additional space for overnight guests. Since then the Ranch House and Farm House have been constructed bringing the total number of hotel rooms to 20.

Swimming, horseback riding, fishing in a stocked pond, shuffleboard and other lawn games were made available to visitors. Through continual enlarging, planting and landscaping, this new resort becomes a drawing card for the county. Chicken and steak dinners are still being served and the luster of this vacation spot remains undimmed through 80 years of resort business in Wasatch County. It is one of Utah's best resorts.



The nationally popular Homestead Resort at Midway



The famous Hot Pots near Midway.

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